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DOORDARSHAN CHANNELS IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have yet to start Doordarshan Channels in some of the regional languages in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which those channels are likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c): Regional channels are launched by Doordarshan in region specific languages with a view to meeting the aspirations and requirements of those regions subject to availability of resources. These mainly cater to the major language of the region. The details of the Channels of Doordarshan and their languages are as follows:

Channel	Language	Date of launch
DD-4	Malayalam	15.8.94
DD-5	Tamil	18.10.93
DD-6	Oriya	15.8.94
DD-7	Bengali	15.8.94
DD-8	Telugu	15.8.94
DD-9	Kannada	15.8.94
DD-10	Marathi	15.8.94
DD-11	Gujarati	15.8.94
DD-12	Kashmiri	15.8.94
DD-13	North East	15.8.94
DD-18	Punjabi	6.8.98